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2,000 NEW YORKERS PROTEST CIVIL DEFENSE DRILL

More than 1,500 people gathered in New York's City Hall Park on April 28 protest "Operation Alert," the nationwide Civil Defense drill. When the sirens lew, fifty took shelter but the rest remained in the park, witnessing to the folly f Civil Defense preparations. Police arrested 52 of the group, including four embers of the Civil Defense Protest Committee. The group was then taken to he Criminal Courts Building where ver 1,000 people had gathered to pro- st their arraignment. Later, the priso- ers were all paroled or released on bail.

Meanwhile, 45 professors and in- tructors from New York City colleges nd universities signed a petition of rotest in support of over 500 college tudents from many campuses who athered at Columbia's Memorial Plaza o demonstrate against the drill. One nstructor, James O'Connor of Barnard College, was cheered when he made a speech praising those who risked jail or their convictions. "If you are ar- ested, you will be arrested only as olitical criminals," he said, "for ou have committed no crimes against ersons or property. Jails everywhere re full of political criminals. It is an onorable crime." All of the students efused to take shelter. None was ar- ested.

Those committing civil disobedience in New York City amounted to three imes the number in 1960 and 30 times hat of 1959, according to the Civil De- fense Protest Committee. Increased public awareness that "civil defense fosters war by offering a false sense of security" was a major factor in prompting the protests, a CDPC spokes- man said.

Similar protests occurred at major colleges and universities across the country including Princeton, Cornell, Oberlin, Syracuse, Rochester, Rutgers and others. At Drew University in Madison, N. J., seven students refused to take shelter despite warnings by the school's president that they would be dismissed.

Students at more than 30 high schools across the country were reported to have participated in similar anti-CD demonstrations. Twenty students were suspended at Music and Art High School in New York City for refusing to remove armbands signifying their objection to the drill. Eighty other students, also

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A Unilateral Move

"The admitted tendency of human nature to take advantage of weakness must be balanced by the recognition of a principle of which nuclear realists often seem oblivious: belligerence begets belligerence and fear creates fear. Western nuclear threats only serve to entrench the Soviet dictatorship and to postpone the day of peaceful accommodation between East and West. A unilateral move or series of moves to diminish the irritating quality of nuclear defense may be indispensable to getting bilateral agreements of substance. Such a well-considered policy has every right to resent the stigma 'utopian' and to claim the approbation of 'realism,' for it defines that in Western life which is worth defending and suggests sensible ways to defend it."

--Norman Gottwald
in April, 1961, Worldview

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wearing armbands, removed them when ordered to do so by a school officer.

A statement calling for the abolition of the Office of Civilian Defense in the light of the "massive public opposition" to the drill was issued on May 5 by the CDPC. "The only defense is peace," the group said. "A movement is growing that will cease only when civil defense schemes are abolished. We call for that abolition now."

Theaters Integrate in Lexington; 162 Arrested in Louisville

Two Lexington, Ky., theaters, members of two chains, agreed to integrate on April 28, following anti-segregation demonstrations there by Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and other groups over a 7-month period.

Meanwhile, in Louisville, Ky., 162 persons were arrested on April 25 for sitting-in at local restaurants. Two department stores, 26 restaurants and four theaters have already desegregated in Louisville following similar protests by local CORE and other groups.

Twelve men and three women, members of an interracial CORE Freedom Ride, similar to the FOR Journey of Reconciliation of 1947, boarded buses on May 4 for a trip into the Deep South. In a letter to President Kennedy, CORE national director James Farmer described Freedom Ride 1961, as "an appeal to the best in all Americans." Object of the trip is to challenge jim-crow laws and customs throughout th South.

In Richmond, Va., last month, th State Supreme Court upheld the con viction of 34 Negro college student under Virginia's reinforced anti-tres pass laws. The students had stage sit-in demonstrations in Richmon earlier and were fined $20 each i police court.

A resolution urging all church wo men "to dedicate themselves anew t to efforts to wipe out segregation i the corporate life and worship of ou churches and councils of church wo men" was made last month by the Na tional Board of Managers of Unite Church Women meeting in Buffalo, N.Y

Shadowcliff Library Seeks Pacifist Classics

The FOR library at national head quarters lacks reference copies of number of scarce and out-of-prin books on pacifism and nonviolence Although contributions earmarked fo the purchase of these books are wel comed, the best way that FELLOWSHI readers can help is by sending the li brary their copy of a hard-to-get boo Often a book that cost $2 would no cost $10 or more, plus months of search ing -- if it can be located at all.

Among the books needed most are Devere Allen: *Pacifism in the Moder World;* Adin Ballou: *Christian Nonre sistance;* C. M. Case: *Nonviolent Co ercion;* Merle Curti: *Peace or War, Th American Struggle;* Toyohiko Kagawa *Love, the Law of Life;* Barthelmy d Ligt: *The Conquest of Violence;* an Krishnalal Shridharani: *War Witho Violence.* Many other titles listed i the FOR Bibliography would also b welcome. Please address inquiries t W. R. Miller, FELLOWSHIP, Box 27 Nyack, N. Y.

Song of the Aldermaston Marchers

A friendly little H-bomb
Is cruising overhead.
It's there to kill the Russians
When the rest of us are dead.

NEWS from the peace front

In London last month, 826 people were arrested for participating in a nonviolent demonstration protesting nuclear weapons. Defying police warnings, the demonstrators sat or lay down in Whitehall after a short march from Trafalgar Square. More than 1,000 police, supplemented by a strong force of motorcycle patrols and policewomen, were used in the biggest mass arrest ever carried out in London. Among those arrested were Shelagh Delaney and Arnold Wesker, playwrights; Vanessa Redgrave, actress; and John Neville, actor.

The demonstration was organized by the Committee of 100, headed by Herbert Read, Bertrand Russell and such FOR members as Donald Soper, Michael Scott and Martin Niemöller.

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The Illinois Supreme Court last month charged that the all-white Chicago suburb of Deerfield had abused its power of eminent domain by condemning property planned for interracial housing. The land had been chosen by FOR member Morris Milgram as the site for a 51-home interracial development.

Milgram, who is head of Modern Community Developers Inc., the first national agency dedicated to promoting privately built housing on a racially integrated basis, announced last month the formation of a new subsidiary, Planned Communities Inc., which will seek to "move ahead vigorously" in developing open-occupancy housing in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, and the New York area.

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Seven people were arrested on May 2 for participating in a vigil protesting U.S. intervention in Cuba outside the Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters in Langley, Va. The group, charged with "loitering and disturbing the peace" were among fifteen who were fasting to emphasize their conviction. Among participants in the 2-week demonstration were four members of Polaris Action, a nonviolent campaign protesting the manufacture of missile-firing submarines in the New London-Groton, Conn., area. Among them were FOR members Robert Swann and Donald Martin.

The project was sponsored by the Nonviolent Committee for Cuban Independence.

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An appeal to let the people of Cuba choose their own form of government and elect their own officials was issued last month by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs meeting in New York City. On May Day, Premier Fidel Castro affirmed Cuba's ties with the Communist bloc and said there would be no elections.

The Commission also called upon the 14-power Geneva conference on Laos "to make every effort to secure a cease-fire there."

The CCIA is an agency of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council.

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Pastor Marc Boegner, former president of the French Protestant Federation, told a military tribunal in Metz, France, last month, that he has long favored a statute recognizing the rights of genuine conscientious objectors. Boegner made the statement in connection with the case of a Protestant youth charged with resisting military service.

The youth, who previously appeared before a court on a similar charge, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

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Senator Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.) on May 1 urged that the United States "continue again and again to offer workable proposals for relieving the world of the burden of armaments" at a meeting of the national Methodist convocation of Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D.C. He also predicted that President Kennedy will soon establish a permanent disarmament agency in the executive branch of the government.

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If you know the whereabouts of any of these missing members, please advise the Membership Secretary, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

Here are the names, with last-known addresses where available: Howard T. Burris (Dallas, Texas); Roberta A. Carey (Madison, Wisc.); Elizabeth Carlberg (Syracuse, N.Y.); Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Carney (Chester, Ill.); Benedict Carosella (Chicago 24, Ill.); George P. Carpenter (Norton, Mass.); James H. Carrington (Redlands, Cal.); Hardy Carroll (Hartford, Conn.); Carolyn Carson (Evanston, Ill.); Mrs. Edith Carter (Jacksonville, Fla.); Norman Case (Brooklyn, N.Y.); Roger Cazziol (Uganda, Africa); Kenneth G. Chapman (Voss, Norway); Court Chepard (Tucson, Ariz.). Mrs. Dorothea Blom (Pleasantville, N.Y.); Francis X. Carmody (Moffett Field, Cal.); Mrs. Myrtle M. Adams (Berkeley, Cal.).

LIT NOTES

Worth reading: "He Chose Prison" by J. Metz Rollins Jr. (*Presbyterian Life*, May 1, 1961) tells the story of former FOR Student Secretary Charles Jones, who chose "jail, not bail" in sit-ins at Rock Hill, S.C., and served 30 days on the prison road gang.

"Disarm to Parley" by W. H. Ferry is now available from the Fellowship. This 16-page pamphlet argues the case for unilateral disarmament and discusses objections to it. Price: 20¢. Order from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 25. New York FOR dinner at Christ Church (Methodist), 530 Park Ave., N.Y. Speakers: Jerome Frank and FOR Church Secretary John Heidbrink. For reservations write: A.J. Muste, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.

May 27-28. FOR National Conf. for Philadelphia area at Penn. Student Christian Assn., University of Pennsylvania, 3601 Locust St. For information call T. Y. Rogers in Philadelphia. Tel.: LO 3-4070.

June 9-10. FOR National Conf. in Cleveland at the Pilgrim Congressional Church, W. 14th and Starkweather, Cleveland. Registrar: Mrs. Earle A. Davis, 1853 Penrose Rd., Cleveland 12, Ohio.

June 14-15. FOR National Conf. in Webster Groves, Mo., at the Eden Theological Seminary. Registrar: Mrs. Wilma Sommerer, 3722 S. Compton, St. Louis 18, Mo.

July 1-4. FOR National Conf. at Camp Seabeck near Bremerton, Washington. Registrar: Maxine Acker, 1614 West 8th St., Aberdeen, Washington.

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